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HAWAII COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER PRE-TRIAL INMATE ESCAPES DURING TRANSPORT

SOUTH KOHALA, ISLAND OF HAWAII — Department of Public Safety Deputy Sheriffs on the island of Hawaii and Hawaii County police today are searching for a Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC) inmate who escaped while being transported from South Kohala/Waimea District Court Wednesday afternoon, October 27, 2004. Kalani Lono Kaohimaunu, 23, is considered dangerous and should not be approached.

Kaohimaunu apparently tampered with his leg iron restraints while being transported from a District Court appearance. When a Correctional Officer opened the van door Kaohimaunu sprinted away. The Correctional Officer chased Kaohimaunu with the help of Deputy Sheriffs and local Police who were nearby. But Kaohimaunu was too fast and got away.

Kalani Lono Kaohimaunu was on pretrial status at HCCC for a parole violation and failure to appear.

Description: Gender: male

Age: 23 Height: 5'10" Weight: 140 lbs Eyes: Hazel Hair: Black

Ethnicity: Hawaiian

Anyone with information on Kalani Lono Kaohimaunu is asked to call 911 or the State Deputy Sheriff's office in Kona at 808-322-8740 or Hilo at 808-933-8833.

For more information contact: Mike Gaede, Department of Public Safety (808-587-1254)

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